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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. USNATO COUNSELS CAUTION ON BHUTTO'S SECURITY ALLIANCE

USNATO EVALUATES THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON NATO OF THE PROPOSED PAKISTAN-IRAN-TURKEY SECURITY ALLIANCE. THE MISSION URGES "DELIBERATE CAUTION" IN LENDING SUPPORT TO BHUTTO'S PROPOSAL BECAUSE:

--THE GREEKS WILL FEEL THAT THEIR SECURITY IS UNDERMINED BY THE ALLIANCE.

--ANY US ASSURANCE THAT THE NEW GROUPING WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ACCESS TO US MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL APPEAR TO THE GREEKS TO FACILITATE TURKISH ACCESS TO US MILITARY SUPPLIES.

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--SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MIGHT VIEW THE NEW TURKISH-IRANIAN RELATIONSHIP, AS AN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS. (SECRET) USNATO 2046 (EXDIS), 4/14.)

2. WORD GETS AROUND THAT ETHIOPIAN JETS SET

AMBASSADOR BREWER INFORMED SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI APRIL 14 OF THE DELIVERY OF EIGHT F-5E'S TO ETHIOPIA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IN RESPONSE, NIMEIRI:

--COMPLAINED ABOUT THE TIMING, BUT DID NOT PRESS FOR DELAY OF THE DELIVERY;

--OBSERVED THAT THE NEW PLANES WOULD NO DOUBT BE USED AGAINST THE ERITREANS;

--SAW JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DELIVERY IN TERMS OF AREA CONSIDERATIONS.

MEANWHILE, EMBASSY MOGADISCIO OBTAINED A REPORT GIVEN TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT BY A DEFECTOR FROM THE ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE. THE REPORT CLAIMS THAT THE US WILL DELIVER SIXTEEN F-5E'S TO THE ETHIOPIANS "IN THE EARLY PART OF 1976." (SECRET) MOGADISCIO 640 AND KHARTOUM 1071, 4/14.)

3. JAPAN FORESEES MORE OF THE SAME IN CHINA

IN THE VIEW OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE HUA KUO-FENG WILL HAVE TO PROVE HIMSELF DURING A CONTINUING POWER STRUGGLE. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE:

--THE MODERATES ARE STRONGER BUT LESS UNITED THAN THE RADICALS;

--THERE WILL BE ATTEMPTS BY THE RADICALS TO BUILD THEIR STRENGTH IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE ARMY, ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH THEY REMAIN VERY WEAK;

--THE POLITICAL TURMOIL WILL NOT AFFECT TRADE WITH

JAPAN, AND RECENT DISRUPTIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON OIL AND STEEL ARE NOT DUE TO THE ANTI-CAPITALIST CAMPAIGN.

EMBASSY COMMENT: OTHER DIPLOMATS HERE ARE EVEN MORE RELUCTANT THAN THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO OFFER PREDICTIONS ABOUT HUA'S DURABILITY. THE BRITISH AND AUSTRALIANS SPECULATE THAT HE ASSUMED THE POST ONLY AFTER CHANG CHUN CH'IAO, RELUCTANT TO STICK HIS NECK OUT IN SUCH TREACHEROUS TIMES,

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REFUSED. THE IMPLICATION IS THAT PEOPLE MORE POWERFUL THAN HUA ARE LYING LOW UNTIL THE SITUATION CALMS AND THAT THEY WILL DISPENSE WITH THE NEW PREMIER WHEN IT SUITS THEM. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 5518, 4/14.)

4. RIFA'I SHOOTS DOWN HAWK

IN AN APRIL 14 INTERVIEW IN THE LONDON TIMES JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER RIFA'I ANNOUNCED THAT JORDAN WILL TURN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. RIFA'I CLAIMED THAT:

--BY THE TIME CONGRESS FINALLY APPROVED THE HAWK AIR DEFENSE DEAL, THE PRICE WAS TWICE THE AMOUNT SAUDI ARABIA HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE.

--ONLY THE USSR CAN SUPPLY A SYSTEM AT MODERATE PRICES WITH AN ACCEPTABLE DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

--JORDAN EXPECTS TO PAY BETWEEN $10 AND $12 MILLION IN DAMAGES FOR WORK ALREADY STARTED ON THE US-MANUFACTURED SYSTEM.

--THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BUY THE US SYSTEM WILL LAPSE AUTOMATICALLY AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LONDON 5788, 4/14.) KISSINGER

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